



May River / Bruin Road Streetscape



May River and Bruin Roads are key roads in the Old Town Bluffton area running from Whispering Pines to Burnt Church. May River/Bruin Roads Streetscape project was designed to improve pedestrian access, increase parking in Old Town and calm traffic along both roadways. The intent was to develop a pedestrian friendly community in Old Town. In addition to providing traffic improvements, drainage improvements have been incorporated into the design. Six water quality structures have been constructed along the streetscape, three on May River Road, three on Bruin. Curb and gutter were constructed. Sidewalks, varying in width and materials, were installed along almost all of the streetscape. Parking on both sides of May River Road and along the south side of Bruin east of Pritchard was incorporated. The parking narrowed the drive lane on May River Road which should slow traffic.

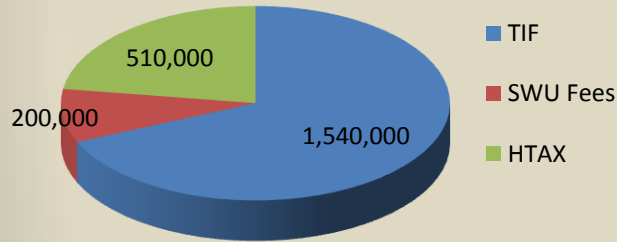
May River/Bruin Roads Streetscape	2008	2009	2010
Concept/Design Phase 1A	Finished		
Construction Phase 1A		Finished	
Concept/Design Phase 1B		Anticipated	
Construction Phase 1B			Anticipated
Concept/Design Phase 2		Anticipated	
Construction Phase 2			To Be Determined

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Funding



May River/Bruin Roads Streetscape has been funded through a number of different sources including Tax Increment Financing, Hospitality Tax, Storm Water Utility Fees and Transportation Enhancement Grant funds. Infrastructure construction has been the greatest expenditure to date with approximately \$2.8 million spent on roadway improvements. While the infrastructure construction is the greatest expense, it is also the biggest impact in the project. A breakdown of funding per source and budgeted versus expended to date is shown



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Streetscape **BEFORE**



Streetscape **DURING**



Streetscape **AFTER**





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The Town of Bluffton is working on landscaping and lighting plans for the streetscape. The intent of the landscaping plan is to enhance the natural beauty of the streetscape. Native species will be used extensively in the streetscape and efforts are underway to increase the existing tree canopy. The landscaping will incorporate tree wells, trees in the Right of Way and some plantings at the May River - Bluffton Road intersection.

“Pocket Parks” are also being planned for the streetscape to be incorporated into the landscaping and lighting plans. These parks are tentatively planned near May River and Bluffton Roads as well as near May River Road and Wharf Street.

Irrigation is being designed for the streetscape, but native species are generally being chosen to ensure they thrive in the environment.

Streetscape Canopy



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Path Forward

Phase 1 is in design and construction. Phase 1 includes the roadway from Pin Oak to Burnt Church. Phase 1A infrastructure improvements are complete. Phase 1B includes landscaping, lighting and pedestrian facilities. Design is complete for this work and construction awaits SCDOT coordinated Transportation Enhancement grant funding.

Phase 2 includes the area from Whispering Pines to Pin Oak. Design is underway. To date, construction funding has not been approved.